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Rally to be held Oct. 14, in Paw Paw to remember Turning Point USA co-founder Charlie Kirk's 32nd birthday

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PAW PAW - A rally, what would have been the 32nd birthday of Turning Point USA co-founder Charlie Kirk, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Maple Lake Amphitheatre, Paw Paw, according to organizer Robyn Peake.

Kirk was assassinated on Sept. 10, while speaking at a TPUSA public event on the Utah Valley University Campus.

Local leaders, pastors and others will honor the legacy of Kirk, through worship, prayers and speeches, according to Peake. She said Pastor Don Filchek from ReCast Church and Pastor Gary Napp of Journey Family Church, have both confirmed to her that they will speak at the event.

The public is welcome to attend the event. "It will be a chance to pay respects to honor the wonderful, powerful, conservative voice," said Peake.

On Sept. 15, a rally was held on the Michigan Capitol lawn. Senate Republican Leader Aric Nesbitt, (R-Porter Township) said at a rally honoring the life and legacy of Kirk:

"Charlie was a good man who treasured his God, his family and his country. He boldly shared his message with others, even those who disagreed with him, and it cost him his life. He was murdered in broad daylight, leaving his wife, children, friends and a nation in sorrow.

"While there are some who celebrate his loss and want the Turning Point movement to be silenced, Charlie's voice has only been amplified. Although we grieve, we will not be disheartened in our mission to preserve and defend our freedom and our great nation.

"We will continue proclaiming the values of faith, family and patriotism that America so desperately needs - not through violence, riots and destruction, but through words, love and engaging with others in the marketplace of ideas."

As of Sept. 21, more than 120,000 inquiries have been made in starting TPUSA chapters.

Hartford man arrested, faces a variety of charges

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DECATUR - A 33-year-old Hartford area man faces a variety of charges, including flee and elude, possession of methamphetamine, following his recent arrest, according to a press release from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office.

The man, who was not identified, also faces charges of malicious destruction of property, multiple warrant arrest, driving while license suspended, improper plate and no insurance, according to Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott.

Sheriff Abbott said the pursuit of a2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer with an improper registration, was initiated in the Village of Decatur, near East Sherwood and South East Street.

The vehicle failed to stop when emergency lights and siren were activated, after observing traffic violations. The vehicle fled on Sherwood Street, turned northbound onto Seneca, proceeding to Delaware Street and continued westbound. The vehicle continued westbound, ignoring traffic lights and the speed limit, until it reached the village limits south of town on M-51 Highway. Once the vehicle exited the village, speeds reached nearly 80 mph., according to Sheriff Abbott. The vehicle continued on M-51 Highway until it turned southbound onto County Road 215. The vehicle turned eastbound onto 92nd Avenue and eventually ran off the road into a cornfield in the 49000 block of 92nd Avenue.

It was at this point that the deputy terminated his pursuit, and a perimeter was set up.

Deputies and assisting agencies set up a perimeter. Cass County Sheriff's Office was able to get a drone up into the air, and the suspect surrendered himself. Sheriff Abbott said citizens in the area were very helpful in this matter. "They provided a quad to a sergeant from the Sheriff's Office, and visual observations of the last known sighting of the suspect. They were able to assist in setting up a strong perimeter with their information and familiarity with the lands. The suspect was taken into custody with no issues," said Sheriff Abbott

The suspect vehicle was located disabled and abandoned in the woods. A search of the vehicle revealed drugs and drug paraphernalia. The suspect was found to have multiple warrants for his arrest from Van Buren County.

The suspect was transported to the Van Buren County Jail on his warrants as well as multiple new charges. The case is still ongoing, according to Sheriff Abbott.

Assisting agencies included the Cass County Sheriff's Office, Pokagon Tribal Police, Decatur Police, and Michigan State Police.

Paw Paw High School senior named 2026 commended student by National Merit Scholarship

PAW PAW - Paw Paw High School Principal Tammy Southworth recently announced that Leah Graves has been named a Commended Student in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, has been presented to Graves.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation have been recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2026 competition for the National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2026 competition by taking the 2024 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," said an NMSC spokesperson. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their education opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

Paw Paw Public Schools Superintendent Jeremy Davison said, "Recognition like this

shines a light on the opportunities available to Paw Paw students and the excellence they can achieve with determination and support. Leah's accomplishment is a wonderful example of what it means to be part of our Pack where we develop, support, challenge, and inspire every learner."

Paw Paw Fire Department's annual appreciation dinner honors many

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PAW PAW - The Paw Paw Fire Department's Annual Appreciation Dinner was held Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Paw Paw Fire Department.

Following the dinner, the introduction of officers and awards were presented.

Department member Brandon Hall, who currently serves as second assistant fire chief, was named the 2025 Fire Fighter of the Year.

Six Paw Paw firefighters were each presented with plaques marking their 40 years of active service on the department. Those honored included Bryan Stump, Jim Jackson, Steve Richardson, Pat Burmester and Ron Douglas, Jr.

Honored for 30 years of active service on the department were Trent DeGroff and Jason Johnson.

John Buskirk was honored for 10 years of active service.

The Judges Award, presented by Judge Susan Metzger, was presented to Kelly Redmond.

Paw Paw Fire Department member John Buskirk was honored for his 10 years of service on the department.
Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

Paw Paw Fire Department member Trent DeGroff was honored for his 35 years of service on the department.
Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

The Paw Paws Fire Department held its annual Appreciation Dinner, Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Paw Paw Fire Department. Brandon Hall was named the 2025 Firefighter of the Year. On the department for nearly 15 years, Hall currently serves as second assistant fire chief.
Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

A total of six members of the Paw Paw Fire Department were each honored on Oct. 2, for their 40 years of service to the Paw Paw Fire Department. Shown in photo above, from left, Ron Douglas, Jr., Pat Burmester, Bryan Stump, Kirk Richardson, and Jim Jackson. Missing from photo is Steve Richardson. The awards were given out at the fire department's Annual Appreciation Dinner.
Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

Kelly Redmond, a member of the Paw Paw Fire Department, received the Judges Award from Van Buren County Judge Susan Metzger during the Paw Paw Fire Department's annual Appreciation Dinner held Thursday, Oct. 2.
Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

Audience enjoys Voices from the Past

Isaac Willard greets guests at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

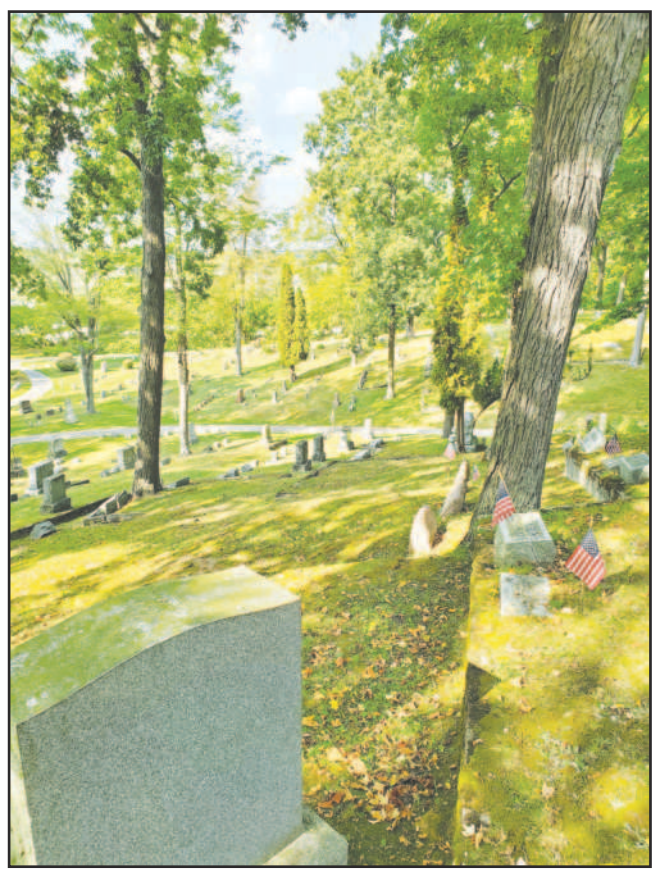
Mike Pioch as Harold Spicer at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Steve Russio as Harry McNeil at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Don Stine as Frank Van Ness at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Sue Danielson as Caroline Johnson at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Roger Henderson as Jeremiah Simmons at Prospect Hill Cemetery.



Prospect Hill Cemetery shown from an elevation.
Courier-Leader photos/Paul Garrod

Steve Rigoni as Carl Mather at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Isaac Willard's tombstone at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

PAW PAW – The third annual Voices from the Past - Tales from Prospect Cemetery, was held Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Paw Paw Township cemetery. The event was presented by the Paw Paw District Library, and Village of Paw Paw Historical Commission.

This year's Paw Paw notables include Frank Van Ness, Harry McNeil, Harold Spicer, Carl Mather, Caroline Johnson and Jeremiah Simmons.

Van Ness, portrayed by Don Stine, was born in 1864. He studied art in New York City and was an artist and painter of murals located in the Van Buren County Courthouse. During his presentation, Stine said a drawing composed by Van Ness helped identify a murderer in a sensational trial. Van Ness, who is buried in an unmarked grave, died in 1944.

McNeil, portrayed by Steve Russio, was born in Paw Paw in 1879. He was extremely civically involved. McNeil practiced as a lawyer for four years, then bought the Van Buren Absract Company. He helped form Michigan Abstractor's Association in 1901. He died in 1957.

Spicer was born in Lawton in 1870. A musician and vocalist, he purchased the True Northerner in 1929. Spicer oversaw the merger with the Free Press to become The Courier-Northerner. Like McNeil, Spicer was also very civically involved. He served as president of the Prospect Hill Cemetery Association. He died in 1940.

Mather, portrayed by Steve Rigoni, was born in 1894. Rigoni said the Mather family has a long history of military service, and Carl was said to be one of the most skilled aviators at Curtiss flying school. Mather was killed in 1918 in a flying accident. Mather Field was named after Carl and became one of the largest Air Force bases in California.

Johnson, portrayed by Sue Danielson, was born in 1900 and was the last descendent of the Gremps family. She enjoyed more than 50 years as a journalist with The Courier-Leader. She was nominated as the Woman of the Year and Oct. 21, 1981, was declared as Caroline Johnson Day . She died in 1988.

Simmons, portrayed by Roger Henderson, was born in 1800 and came to Paw Paw in 1836. He was known as "Squire Simmons." Henderson served as the first Probate Judge for Van Buren County. He owned and operated a hardware store and was a founder of the Paw Paw Masonic Lodge. He died in 1862.

On March 24, 1859, Prospect Hill Cemetery Association purchased land for a public cemetery on Prospect Hill. The site is one of the highest elevations in Van Buren County.

Isaac Willard, one of the founders of Paw Paw, served as the first president of Prospect Hill Cemetery Association.

In 1875, Willard erected an observatory over 125 feet tall and two feet wide.

It was said that on a clear day from the observatory, you could see Lake Michigan and as many as 30 villages from the top of the tower.

However, critics were quick to point out that "Willard's Folly" was unsafe, having been erected by Willard himself. The tower was equipped with the best telescope of the time, and Willard was known to spend his spare time at the top of the tower with his dog.

Following a windstorm, which caused the tower to lean for many years, a tornado finally displaced the tower.

Willard was buried at the base of the tower in 1879, along with his dog at his side.

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South Haven house fire contained

South Haven Area Emergency Services, with mutual aid assistance from the Bangor and Covert fire departments, quickly contained a fire at the back of a residence in the 500 block of School Street on Monday afternoon. Units responded at 2:20 p.m. when passersby reported a fire consuming a gazebo close to the residence. It was a very dangerous situation for fire fighters because of downed power lines and at least one burning propane tank. Most of the fire damage was to the rear exterior. The occupants safely evacuated. Responders remained on scene until 5 p.m.

Projects make maneuvering through SH a challenge

Maneuvering around South Haven these days is a challenge for motorists and pedestrians with a multitude of projects underway. Work began in earnest after the summer season and will continue through the fall. Pictured is the on-going reconstruction in the downtown area of Huron Street between Broadway Avenue and Kalamazoo Street. It is one of several public projects throughout the city in addition to on-going work expanding internet service and water service line replacements. Photo by Tom Renner

VBC Road Commission celebrates employees at Appreciation Day

LAWRENCE - The Van Buren County Road Commission recently hosted its annual Employee Appreciation Day and Snowplow Road-eo, an event designed to celebrate its staff and showcase the skills and expertise of road maintenance employees, mechanics, and apprentices.

During the Snowplow Road-eo, drivers navigated obstacle courses emulating real-world snowplowing conditions.

Participants were timed and scored based on accuracy, safety, and speed, earning points for their performance. Additional points were awarded through participation in educational sessions and a hands-on diagnostic exam involving a truck, further emphasizing the importance of technical knowledge and continuous learning.

After a strong display of talent and precision, the top competitors were recognized:

• First Place - David Stafinski

• Second Place - Randy Moser

• Third Place - Austin Hammond

The event also honored long-standing employees for their years of dedicated service:

• Tim Nicholas, Road Maintenance employee – 40 Years

• Larry Click, Road Maintenance employee – 25 Years

• John Noffke, Road Maintenance employee – 25 Years

Managing Director Bret Witkowski shared his appreciation for the team's efforts, saying "This event is more than a competition - it's a celebration of the dedication, skill, and pride our employees bring to their work every day. Their commitment to keeping our roads safe, especially during Michigan's harsh winters, is the backbone of our community's mobility and safety."

The Van Buren County Road Commission remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence in winter road maintenance and public safety. The Annual Road-eo and Employee Appreciation Day serve as a meaningful tribute to the hardworking individuals who keep our roads safe and accessible throughout the year, according to Witkowski.

Tim Nicholas, right, was recently honored for his 40 years of service at theVan Buren County Road Commission. Nicholas, who received a State Special Tribute, among other items, is shown with Van Buren County Road Commission Managing Director, Bret Witkowski. Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

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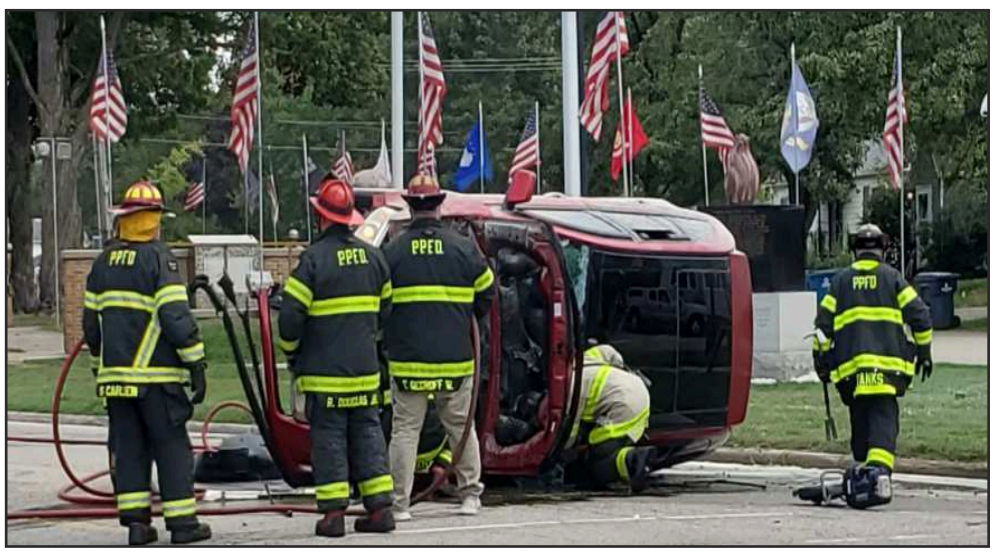
Citizens remove trapped driver from vehicle



At approximately 3 p.m. on Oct. 6, officers from the Paw Paw Police Department responded to an accident in the 400 block of East Michigan Avenue, according to a press release from the Paw Paw Police Department. It was reported the driver was trapped inside the vehicle, which was on fire. When officers arrived they found the driver had been removed from the vehicle and the fire put out by citizens who had witnessed the accident. The driver was transported to Bronson Lakeview Hospital, Paw Paw, with minor injuries. Paw Paw Chief of Police Eric Rottman said after an investigation of the accident and release from Bronson Lakeview, the driver was subsequently transported to the Van Buren County Jail on a charge of operating while intoxicated. According to witnesses, the vehicle was traveling eastbound on East Michigan Avenue when it failed to make the turn and drove into the west end of Maple City Veterans Memorial Park. It then went airborne and came to rest in the roadway. The west end of the park was damaged as a result of the crash, according to Police Chief Rottman. Paw Paw Village Police Department was assisted by Van Buren County Sheriff's Office, Paw Paw Fire Department and Van Buren Emergency Medical Services. Courier-Leader photo/Paul Garrod

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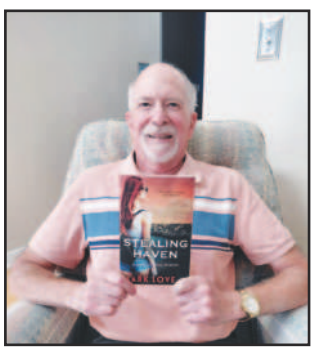
County 4-H sees nearly 1,000 people attend Tractor, Truck, or Treat event

As temperatures soared to the mid-80s on Saturday, Oct. 4, trick or treaters got an early jump on Halloween as Van Buren County 4-H sponsored the third annual Tractor, Truck, or Treat event at the Van Buren Youth fairgrounds, 55670 County Road 681, Hartford. Nearly 1,000 people attended the event that featured a tractor, cement truck, a school bus, farm equipment and more. It also saw several businesses and organizations take part in the event. Courier-Leader photos/Paul Garrod

West Michigan novelist to speak at South Haven library



Mark Love

By James Windell

As a former newspaper writer, Mark Love never had the luxury of having writer's block.

"You have a deadline, and you have to turn something in," he says thinking back to his days as a stringer for a Michigan newspaper. "I covered city council meetings and some of them would last until eleven o'clock at night and the next day I'd be transcribing my notes during my lunch hour and then I'd write the story as soon as I got home from my day job."

These days he has more time for writing. As a result of being able to carve out more time for his novels, he has published many books in the two series he writes. On Monday, October 13, 2025, Love will be talking about his books and his writing methods at the South Haven Memorial Library.

"One of my books is actually set in South Haven," Love said in a recent interview. "It's called 'Stealing Haven' and I'll talk about that book and read some scenes from it."

Love, who lives in the Portage area, says that he will also talk about his methods as a novelist. "I'll discuss what I do and how I go about writing my books," he says.

Love writes novels in two different series of books. "One is a police procedural series with detective Jefferson Chene solving mysteries," he explains. "The other is a mystery-romance series with Jamie Richmond as an amateur sleuth."

He points out that his background plays a role in both series. "I lived for many years in the metropolitan Detroit area, where crime and corruption are always prevalent," he says. Also, as a former freelance reporter, Love says he honed his writing skills covering features and hard news.

"The backstory on Jamie Richmond is that she was an investigative reporter for a number of years," he explains. "She got very good at following leads as a reporter and after doing that for a number of years, she decided to take her skills and start writing mysteries. Every time she's working on a new book and is doing her research, she uncovers an actual crime."

Although Love was interested in writing in college when he took creative writing and journalism classes, he was busy living life as a human resource professional and a family man and that got in the way of his desire to be a novelist. But that changed after he and his wife of more than 40 years, Kim, moved to the Portage area.

"I never had the time to sit down and write, but I always had the passion to write novels," he says. "In the last 15 years I've been able to carve out enough time to focus on my novels."

He adds that he really enjoys talking to people about his books. When he is at the South Haven Memorial Library on Monday, October 13 at 6:00 pm, he especially wants to talk about "Stealing Haven." "The fact that I set this one in South Haven was a lot of fun," he says. "I enjoy using locations that people can identify with. That's why Clementine's restaurant shows up in that book."

The South Haven Memorial Library is located at 314 Broadway, South Haven. All programs at the library are free and open to the public. For more information visit the library's website at: https://shmlibrary.org

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Paw Paw football explodes over Sturgis

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PAW PAW — Friday night at Paw Paw, the Red Wolves handled Sturgis 48-7 while tallying up over 500 yards of total offense, 501 yards being on the ground. Ben Miller only saw action in the first half, but was able to gain 261 yards on 20 carries for 5 touchdownss with one of the touchdowns being a 46 yard rush. Elias Sonneberg and Carter Buhl also found their ways into the endzone as well.

Highlights:

Ben Miller: 261 Yards on 20 carries 5 TD; 4 assisted tackles and 1 pass defended

Elias Sonneberg: 127 yards on 15 carries and 1 TD; 3 solo tackles, 3 assisted and an INT

Carter Buhl: 53 yards on 7 rushes and 1 TD; 2 solo tackles 5 assisted tackles, and 2 TFL

Ben Newell: 3 solo tackles, 6 assisted, and 1 TFL

Gunner Gale: 3 solo tackles, 5 assisted, and 1 TFL

Austin Ackerman: 2 solo tackles, 5 assisted, and 1 TFL

Tyler Kruizenga: 2 solo tackles and 6 assisted.'

South Haven football team blanks Watervliet

By John Raffel
Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — South Haven blanked Watervliet 39-0 in football action on Friday.

South Haven had quarter leads of 14-0, 26-0 and 32-0.

Defensively for South Haven, Dominic Guzman had 21 tackles including two for losses. Rowan Fonseca had eight tackles including two for losses. Ryker Rowland had eight talkies, four for losses and two quarterback sacks

Zayden Rowland had eight tackles and one for loss.

The win put South Haven's record at 3-3.

The Rams will play at Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Prep on Oct. 10 and then has home games on Oct. 17 against Allegan and on Oct. 24 against Galesburg-Augusta. The game with Allegan will be South Haven's homecoming.]

South Haven volleyball

The South Haven volleyball team continues to enjoy excellent success following a 3-0 sweep over Lawton on Oct. 2.

On Sept. 30, South Haven had a sweep over Coloma by scores of 25-14, 25-16, 25-16. South Haven won 27-25, 25-23, 25-17 over Martin on Sept. 25.

South Haven has an overall record of 14-5-0.

Mattawan runners are 20th

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MATTAWAN — Mattawan competed in the Portage Invitational on Saturday and the varsity finished 20th out of 32 teams.

The first five Mattawan boys: were Owen Fisher- 15th place 16:12. Marcel Stork 61st place 17:01; Tanner Christensen- 116th place - 17:48 Trevor Nagra- 166th place 18:22, Brady Gildea- 183th 18:42

The girls varsity was 31st place overall. The first five

Mattawan finishers- were. Natalie Barron 168th (22:45.4). Kai Barron 172nd (22:48.2), Claire Yakiwchik 198th in 23:26.8, Adel Sebesota 218th in 23:52/1 and Tana Drbeck 231st in 24:19.

Mattawan is at the Kiwanis Invitational in Sturgis on Oct. 11.

Mattawan soccer

Mattawan's soccer team is 11-5-4 after pair of shutouts last week.

Mattawan blanked Richland Gull Lake 5-0 and Portage Northern 2-0.

Mattawan is home with. Battle Creek Lakeview on Oct. 9.

Gobles fifth at Portage

By John Raffel
Correspondent

GOLBES — The Gobles varsity cross country teams traveled to Portage West Middle School to compete in one of the Premier Cross Country Invitationals in Michigan, often drawing schools from neighboring Indiana and Ohio, and the guys took fifth.

"For the ladies, they were ready to compete," Gobles coach Mark Kline said. "At both the first mile and second miles, the tigers were in fifth place. With their race-hardened determination, they were able to claw their way to third place and earn a trophy. This was an improvement from their 6th place finish in 2024.

"Libby Smith raced with toughness and closed the gap on first place to less than three seconds behind. Lauren Shaffer held her seventh place position throughout the whole race. Ava DeYoung, Madison Cooley and Addison Tomsic all improved their placing throughout the race and that made all the difference."

Kline added: "Alyssa Sparks and Taylor Cooley rounded out the varsity teams

Gobles boys: Cole Ringel and Fletcher Amos

and also improved their place in the final mile. Libby, Lauren, and Ava all earned medals at the event. Way to go ladies, it was awesome to watch them compete! Keep improving and striving for the goal that is before you.

The boys were 12th among 20 divisional schools.

"The boys gave it their all out there on Saturday. Fletcher Amos placed 40, moving up 12 places after the 1st mile, Cole Ringel held onto 47, Jaxon Bunce placed 73,

Gobles girls: Libby Smith, Taylor Cooley, Lauren Shaffer, Madison Cooley, Ava DeYoung, Addison Tomsic

David Sager placed 86, Cole Cannon moved up 89, Jose Boger moved up 13 places throughout the race at 133, and Titus Sager also moved up a next 9 places throughout the race at 156," Kline said. "Congratulations, your season goals are there in front of you as well."

Gobles improves to 4-2

Devin Doorlag

By John Raffel
Correspondont

GOBLES The Gobles Tigers roared to another commanding win Friday night, overwhelming Lawrence 55-8 behind a near-perfect offensive performance and a suffocating defense that refused to budge.

Gobles piled up 357 total yards while holding the Tigers of Lawrence to –4 rushing yards and -2 passing yards. "The Gobles offense averaged 12.6 yards per play, scoring touchdowns on nearly every possession as they moved the ball with ease both through the air and on the ground," coach Greg Eichler said.

Senior playmaker Aiden Beam set the tone early, breaking free for touchdown runs of 45 and 26 yards to put Gobles ahead quickly. Beam finished with 71 yards on just two carries — a staggering 35.5 yards per rush.

Quarterback Devin Doorlag directed a great aerial attack, completing all three of his passes for 49 yards and a touchdown, while also adding 64 rushing yards. Fellow signalcaller Danny Timms went 1-for-1 passing for a 25-yard score and added another touchdown on the ground, giving Gobles a 100 percent completion rate through the air.

Gobles' offense spread the wealth:

Vinnie Romano caught a 25-yard touchdown pass.

Hunter Piper hauled in a 19-yard scoring grab.

Coal Otis and Justin Ray each powered in for rushing touchdowns. In total, Gobles scored eight touchdowns, converting three two-point tries and a PAT to round out the 55-point eruption.

"Defensively, the Tigers were relentless," Eichler said. "AJ Salinas led the way with nine total tackles, including four tackles for loss and half a sack, while Piper added six tackles and 1.5 sacks. The defense completely shut down Lawrence's run game, forcing five turnovers on downs and allowing just three first downs all night."

With the win, Gobles improves to 4-2 on the season and continues to build for a playoff run. The Tigers will look to keep their momentum rolling next week when they visit Muskegon Heights.

Lady Vikings take championship at Bloomingdale Invitational

By John Raffel
Correspondent

BLOOMINGDALE — The Lady Vikings traveled to Bloomingdale on Saturday for the Bloomingdale Invitational and took first place.

In pool play, the Vikings defeated Lawton 2-0, Fennville 2-0, and split with Allegan.

Finishing first in their pool, the Vikings advanced to the semifinals where they faced Bloomingdale, defeating them 2-0 to move on to the championship match.

In the finals, the Vikings met Allegan again and came out on top, winning the championship in two straight sets. The Lady Vikings lost only one set all day, dominating the courts in Bloomingdale.

With the tournament win, the Vikings improved their overall record to 17-3-1.

The team was set to be back in action Tuesday when they travel to Decatur for a key conference matchup.

Bangor is home with Lawrence on Oct. 15.

Bangor also beat Hartford on Sept. 30 in a dual match on Sept. 30 by scores of 25-14, 25-17, 25-7.

Bangor has a 17-3-1 record.

Paw Paw soccer blanks Buchanan

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PAW PAW — The Paw Paw Red Wolves soccer team traveled to Buchanan for its final regular season game on Monday and won 6-0.

"The boys dominated the game maintaining possession throughout," Wolves coach Mike Lounsbury said.

Scoring for Paw Paw was Enzo Tavela with four goals, Daniel Diaz and Grant Sholander with a goal each. Assisting the goals was Diaz with three assists, Isaac Heffner and Sholander each with an assist. Spencer Peruski had the shutout in goal for the 6-0 victory.

The team turns its attention to districts and their first game this Wednesday at home vs Hopkins.

Paw Paw now has a 13-5-1 record and finished 5-2-0 in the Wolverine Conference for fourth place. Edwardsburg won the league at 6-0-1, followed by Sturgis at 5-1-1 and Plainwell at 4-1-2.

Paw Paw volleyball

Paw Paw's volleyball team lost Sturgis on Monday 26-24, 18-25, 25-23, 16-25, 9-15.

In a Saturday quad, Paw Paw lost to Battle Creek Pennfield 25-21 25-9 and beat Parchment 25-18, 25-16.

Paw Paw is 6-12-1 and will play Otsego at home on Oct. 9.

Bangor soccer team falters

By John Raffel
Correspondent

BANGOR — On Monday night, the Bangor Vikings faced Niles in their final regular-season game, celebrating Senior Night.

"The team started strong, scoring an early goal that fired up the home crowd," coach Antonio Robles said. "Despite this, Niles kept up steady offensive pressure and eventually secured the win with a 5-1 score.

"The game was a solid preparation for post-season play."

Now, the Vikings will focus on the district tournament, set for Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Lawton High School, where they'll compete against the winner of the Lawton vs. Constantine game. Kickoff is at 5 p.m.

"We encourage everyone to come out and support these young men as they start their playoff journey," Robles said.

Bangor football

Bangor's football team fell to 2-4 with its fourth straight loss on Friday, a 66-0 blanking at Bridgman in 8-player football action.

NorthPointe Christian blanked Bangor 43-0 the previous week.

Bangor had started out the season with 50-0 and 20-0 wins over Battle Creek St. Phillip and Bloomingdale.

Bangor is home on Saturday against St. Joseph Our Lady of the Lake Catholic.

Lawton football team falls to Schoolcraft

By John Raffel
Correspondent

LAWTON — Lawton's football team fell to Schoolcraft 18-14 in action on Friday.

Lawton is 3-3 while Schoolcraft improved to 5-1.

Drew Enright caught a 34-yard pass from Jack DeVries to give Schoolcraft a 6-0 lead.

In the third quarter, Brady Quick threw a 17-yard touchdown pass and it was 7-6. Lawton had a 75-yard interception return for a 14-6 lead.

Schoolcraft took the lead on a 52-yard pass from Jack DeVries to Landon DeVries in the third.

In the fourth, Evan Feller had an 88-yard touchdown run.

Schoolcraft had a 437 lead on total yards including 276-94 in rushing and 161-104 in passing.

Quick had 104 yards passing for Lawton.

South Haven soccer team blanks Rockford

By John Raffel

SOUTH HAVEN — Coach Randy Bautista's South Haven boys soccer team had an impressive 1-0 win over Rockford in soccer action on Oct. 1.

"We celebrated Senior Night with a true team performance," Bautista said. "Everybody played well and we ended up with a win over a D1 school. Angel Barajas scored the goal off an assist from Leif Arboreal. The goal was deserving of the work the team put in that day and all season long. We want to keep that confidence as we move onto Districts now."

South Haven will play against Comstock for the first round of Districts at Comstock on Wednesday Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

South Haven's record overall is 12-4-4. The Rams also had a game on Oct. 2 against Edwardsburg and lost 4-2.

Prior to the win over Rockford, South Haven had won over New Buffalo 4-0, over Watervliet 4-2 and Holland Black River 3-1.

Other wins were 7-0 over Watervliet and 7-2 over Bridgman.

VIEWPOINT

I dare you to put down that cellphone and pay a visit

MIKE'S MUSINGS

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Interaction with other people is critical to our mental health. The texting, phone calling crowd must put down their cellphones occasionally and actually visit friends and families. Unfortunately, this is not happening enough and so many problems are caused because they are not.

I put partial blame on the cellphone and internet. Although considered two of the greatest inventions ever, most all of us spend more time on a cellphone than we ever dreamed of doing. It is addicting and has changed the way we communicate. However, man cannot live by phone alone. There has to be more to life than a cellphone, tablet or computer. There is a world out there. There are people who live in the world who are just like you. They crave connections and relationships. Most are finding them on their cellphones through social media or various Internet sites.

The sad reality of this is that people aren't really connecting to other people. Cellphone or social media communication is typically very surface communication. I am guilty of one word, or one sentence responses. We aren't really sharing that much about ourselves nor understanding that much about what others are doing or going through. Usually, we have perceptions that are not completely accurate.

Interpersonal communication is critical to the mental and spiritual health of our planet. We need communication and real in-person talking. Telephone conversations are critical but personal visits, when possible, are even better.

Just take a look at our current political climate. Do Republicans and Democrats ever sit down together to discuss their differences amiably. This occurred more frequently before the widespread use of cellphones and social media, but it is now uncommon. Do you think all the social media exchanges, excusing one another of improprieties, is healthy for any of us? Of course not.

Family gatherings are critical. People need to feel connected to family. Your family may be small, but you need each other, and love must always be the priority. How many terrorist shooters might have been saved from their heinous acts if family and possibly a couple of friends could have had real connections to those people? My guess is many.

As parents, we often back off too much. We give too much freedom and too much space. We need to stay right in the middle of our children's lives as much as we possibly can. This means keeping the conversations going. We must continue to care about what they are doing, where they are going and what is going on in their lives. This becomes very difficult as children grow up and don't want their parents in their business, but we must be diligent.

Keep in mind that you are still a mom or a dad. You can't treat your 21-year-old like they are ten, but you can keep reaching out, expressing love, giving encouragement and embracing them emotionally. Of course, even then, some children grow up to choose destructive lifestyles or make horrific life decisions. People have minds of their own. Yet, if parents and family members keep reaching out to each other it might just be enough to keep a loved one on a good path and living a good life.

Please join me in reaching out more by person versus cellphone or email. I've been a miserable failure at this. The cellphone has become my best friend. I know this is true for many of you. Let's put it aside and pay a visit to that lonely friend or relative or actually have a conversation with our daughter or son. I'm going to try. Hopefully you will too.

Suspect in Almena Township larceny case had warrant for his arrest

Van Buren County Uniform Response handled a larceny complaint in Almena Township. The victim of the dealership observed on his security cameras an individual steal a license plate off a vehicle. "Deputies located the suspect walking down the road and located the stolen plate in his backpack. The suspect also had a warrant for his arrest. He was lodged at our facility with the pending charges," said Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott.

Detective Chris Orr completed a 40 hour Specialized Cyber Investigation Techniques Training at the National Computer Forensics Institute in Hoover, Alabama. The program covered cybercrime trends, investigative strategies, and tools and tactics used by cybercriminals. Detective Orr also had hands-on experience identifying digital evidence, recognizing key hardware and artifacts, and applying best practices for handling evidence. "Detective Orr learned a lot more in this class than what's listed and he'll be able to apply it to our office to continue to lead cyber investigations and strengthen our offices capacity to combat digital crime," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a runaway incident in Hartford Township. The juvenile ran away after dark in the late evening hours. "An intense search was done exhausting a lot of resources in attempting to locate him to no avail. The juvenile was located the following morning in another township. He was returned to his family," said Sheriff Abbott.

Dispatcher Brianna Dobberstein completed Communications Training Officer (CTO) school this past week. "Brianna has been at our office for over four years in Dispatch and has received multiple commendations for her excellent work. She will join 6 other CTOs in our Dispatch/911 Center.," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a domestic assault in Lawrence Township. "The suspect showed up at a relative's house after threatening them over the phone to commit great bodily harm once he got there on scene. The suspect was lodged for the incident facing several charges now," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a domestic assault in Keeler Township. The investigation found that the roommates had an argument with each other. "When one roommate was trying to leave, the aggressor hit the windshield of the car with a hammer causing damage. He was lodged for the incident," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a domestic situation in Pine Grove Township. "The suspect in this case set a vehicle on fire and was threatening family members with great bodily harm. Upon arrival, the fire was out on the vehicle," said Sheriff Abbott. The suspect in question was located and lodged on a parole violation. The report is being sent to the Prosecutors Office for review.

Uniform Response had a traffic stop in Mattawan which resulted in both occupants going to jail. The vehicle was stopped for different violations, and upon contact with the driver, it was found they had been drinking. After the investigation was completed, the driver was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and the passenger had a bench warrant out of Kalamazoo County for domestic violence. Both were lodged.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my strong support for Annie Brown in her reelection as Mayor of South Haven. Annie has proven herself to be a dedicated and effective leader who consistently puts our community first.

Her record of service speaks for itself. Before becoming mayor, Annie served on the South Haven School Board for 14 years, where she worked tirelessly to strengthen education and support families. As mayor, she has continued that same commitment to progress by focusing on the issues that matter most to residents.

Under Annie's leadership, South Haven has seen real improvements in housing opportunities, job growth, and infrastructure. Our roads and sidewalks are safer and more accessible because of her efforts. She has also been a strong advocate for tourism, recognizing its importance to our local economy while ensuring that visitors feel welcomed and valued in our community. Just as importantly, Annie has been a champion for women-owned businesses, helping create an environment where local entrepreneurs can thrive.

What truly sets Annie apart is her presence in the community. She doesn't just lead from City Hall, she shows up. Whether it's local events, neighborhood activities, or gatherings around town, Annie is there, supporting and celebrating South Haven alongside us.

Annie Brown has shown time and again that she is the right person to guide South Haven forward. I encourage my fellow residents to join me in supporting her reelection as Mayor. With her proven leadership and vision, South Haven will continue to thrive.

Jordan Alsup

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. M&T Bank Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1572956
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County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Gerrit Peter Oppenhuizen; Atty: QUINTAIROS PRIETO WOOD & BOYER - QUINTAIROS PRIETO WOOD & BOYER; 1st Pub: 10/2/2025; Atty File #: MI-005529; Insurer: (unknown)
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.
ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT: Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 P.M., on November 20, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerrit Peter Oppenhuizen a/k/a Gerrit P. Oppenhuizen, the original Mortgagor; and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, the original Mortgagee; dated May 16, 2016, and recorded on May 18, 2016, in Liber 1636, at Page 341, in Van Buren County Records, Michigan; and last assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, the Foreclosing Assignee; as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 2, 2019, and recorded on August 7, 2019, in Liber 1687, at Page 614, in Van Buren County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five and 76/100 U.S. Dollars ($63,375.76). Said premise is situated at 11111 32nd Street, Gobles, MI 49055, in the Township of Pine Grove, Van Buren County, Michigan, and is described as: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: TOWNSHIP OF PINE GROVE, COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 17, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST; THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES 8 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE 979.09 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 2 DEGREES 8 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE 340.25 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST 385.28 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 8 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 340.25 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST 385.28 FEET TO THE WEST SECTION LINE AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder under MCLA 600.3278 for damaging the property during the redemption period. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Dated: 09/25/2025 For More Information, please call: Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Attorneys for Servicer 255 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900 Orlando, Florida 32801 (855) 287-0240 Matter No. MI-005529-24-2
(10-02)(10-23)

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Craig Klapp; Atty: Team H; 1st Pub: 9/25/2025; Atty File #: 525780F01; Insurer: FNMA Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on October 23, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Craig Andrew Klapp, as a single man
Original Mortgagee: Honor Credit Union
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: December 14, 2018
Date of Mortgage Recording: December 21, 2018
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $99,092.94
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 2 and 3 and the South 8 feet of Lot 1, Block 9, Hartman's Addition to the Village (now City) of South Haven, according to the plat thereof recorded in liber 1 of plats, Page 74, Van Buren County Records
Common street address (if any): 409 Hubbard St, South Haven, MI 49090-1522
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: September 25, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1572669
(09-25)(10-16)

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Hernan Hernandez; Atty: Shaheen - Shaheen Jacobs & Ross PC; 1st Pub: 9/25/2025; Atty File #: (N/A); Insurer: (unknown)
FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Van Buren County) NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County (at the front steps of the Courthouse in Paw Paw, Michigan), starting promptly at 1:00 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, October 30, 2025. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the junior mortgage made by Hernan Hernandez and Maritsa Hernandez, husband and wife, as original mortgagors, to The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association, as original mortgagee, dated June 3, 2019, and recorded on June 17, 2019, at the Van Buren County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 1685, commencing on Page 534. The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, was $32,489.47. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Arlington, in the County of Van Buren and State of Michigan further described as follows: Lot 12, Bangor Heights, according to the recorded plat thereof. ALSO Lot 8, Supervisor's Plat of Zuhl Addition to Bangor, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, page 40, Van Buren County Records. Commonly known as: 56844 M 43 Hwy., Bangor, MI and 56821 Orchard Ln., Bangor, MI The redemption period shall be Six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale or when the time to provide the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later or unless the redemption period is shortened in accordance with MCLA 600.3238. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278, the borrower and mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Shaheen, Jacobs & Ross, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated: September 15, 2025 The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association Mortgagee SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C. By: Michael J. Thomas, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee 615 Griswold Street, Suite 1425 Detroit, Michigan 48226-3993 (313) 963-1301
(09-25)(10-16)

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Denise A. Hill; Atty: Orlans; 1st Pub: 10/9/2025; Atty File #: 25-012407; Insurer: FNMA Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on NOVEMBER 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property.
A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery M. Hill and Denise A. Hill, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated July 21, 2003 and recorded July 30, 2003 in Liber 1391, Page 489 Van Buren County Records, Michigan.
Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-One and 41/100 Dollars ($90,321.41).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on NOVEMBER 6, 2025.
Said premises are located in the City of Hartford, Van Buren County Michigan, and are described as:
Lots 45 and 46 Parascandolo Addition No. 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, on Page 16 and as amended by Van Buren County Circuit Court as recorded in Liber 476 on Page 368.
122 Paras Hill, Hartford, Michigan 49057
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: October 9, 2025
File No. 25-012407
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(10-09)(10-30)

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Pamela S. Bolden; Atty: Holzman, Ritter & Leduc, PLLC - Holzman Corkery, PLLC; 1st Pub: 10/9/2025; Atty File #: (N/A); Insurer: (unknown)
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under Section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 P.M., on November 13, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Pamela S. Bolden, an unmarried person, ("Mortgagor"), gave a mortgage to Advia Credit Union, ("Mortgagee"), dated August 4, 2022, and recorded on August 9, 2022, in Liber 1741, on Page 964, Van Buren County Records, Michigan. On the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due the principal of Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and 79/100 Dollars ($8,647.79) plus accrued interest at 7.0% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the place of holding in the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan @ 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 13, 2025. Said premises are situated in the Township of Antwerp, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, RIDGELAWN SUBDIVISION, as recorded in Liber 6, Page 23 of Plats, Van Buren County Records. Commonly: 28859 Violet Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079—Tax Id #80-02-415-010-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: October 9, 2025 Advia Credit Union, Mortgagee Holzman Law, PLLC By: Charles J. Holzman Attorney for Mortgagee 28366 Franklin Road Southfield, Michigan 48034 (248)352-4340
(10-09)(11-06)

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Frederick D. Cornelius; Atty: Team J; 1st Pub: 10/9/2025; Atty File #: 455668F05; Insurer: (unknown)
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Frederick D. Cornelius, a married man, fee simple
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust
Date of Mortgage: March 21, 2003
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 14, 2003
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $144,451.62
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: The North 22 acres of the South 42 5/8 acres of the East 70.5 acres of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Town 3 South, Range 14 West, except the North 7 acres thereof.
Common street address (if any): 61398 40th St, Paw Paw, MI 49079-9753
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Porter Township

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 4, 2025 Special Election has been scheduled for **Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 6:00 pm** at the Porter Township Hall
88040 M-40 Hwy
Lawton, Michigan

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon adequate notice to Heather Smith, Porter Township Clerk, in writing, or by calling the Township at (269) 624-4022 x-4.

Heather Smith
Porter Township Clerk

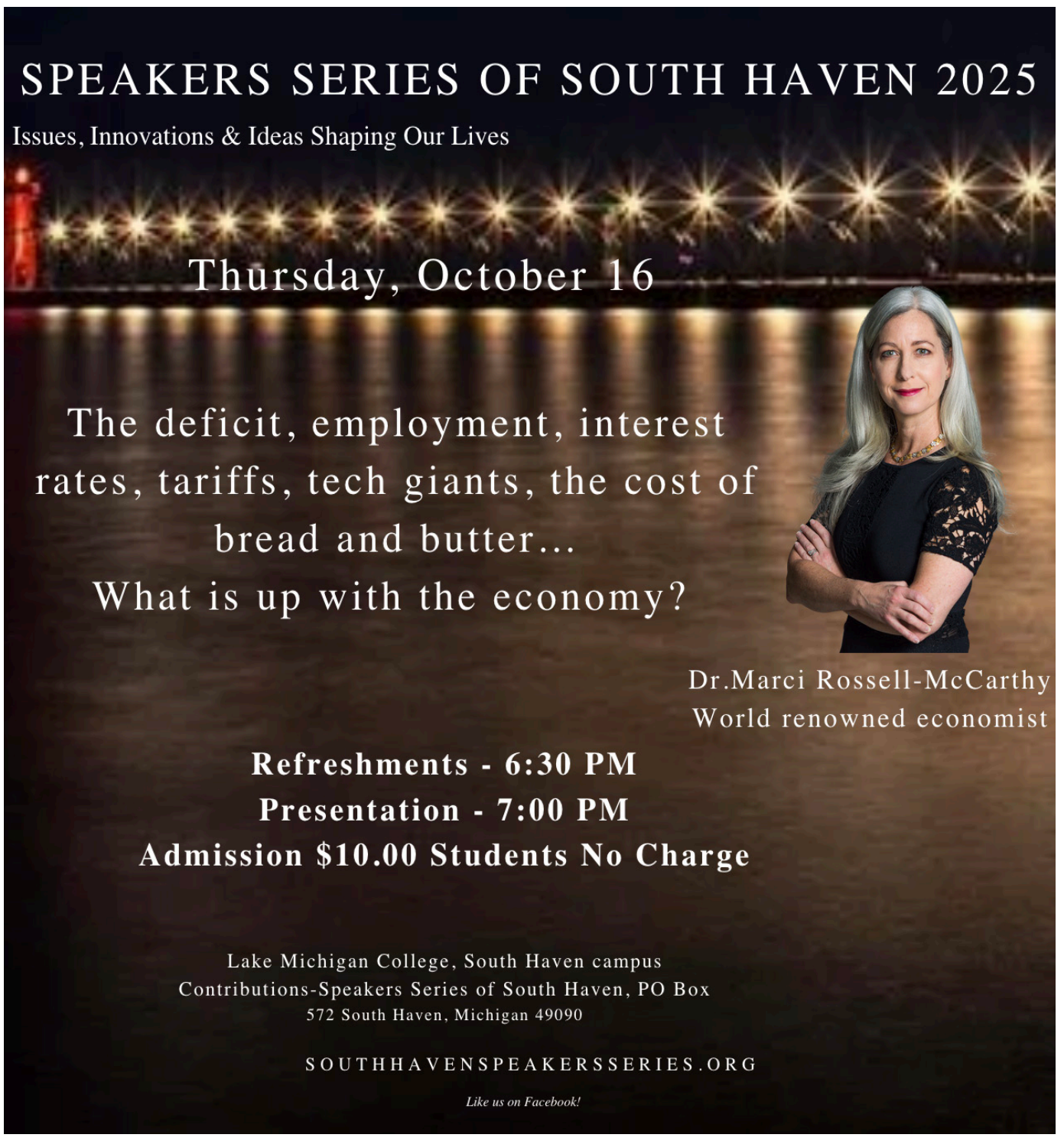
BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Bloomingdale Township will conduct a Public Hearing on October 15, 2025 at 6:30pm, at the Bloomingdale Municipal Center, 109 E. Kalamazoo Street, Bloomingdale, Michigan.

The intent of the Public Hearing is to hear and consider objections to the proposed reassessment for the care and maintenance of the 15th Ave Elmwood Subdivision Special Assessment District.

Plans and costs are on file with the Township Clerk. This Public Hearing will be held as required under Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, to hear objections or concerns to the proposed project.

Melanie Kelly
Bloomingdale Township Clerk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Thursday, October 16
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What is up with the economy?
Dr.Marci Rossell-McCarthy
World renowned economist
Refreshments - 6:30 PM
Presentation - 7:00 PM
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No Kings Protest in South Haven on October 18th

All pro-Democracy people are welcome to join South Haven Indivisible for the next local No Kings Nationwide Protest to protect our democracy on Saturday, October 18, 2025, 2-4 pm on Phoenix Road near the First Congregational Church, UCC, in South Haven, MI. Over 1200 pro-Democracy Americans attended the first NO KINGS Day in June. On October 18th, a rally in the church parking lot (2-2:30 pm) will kick off the event. Then, between 2:30 - 4 pm, peaceful, non-partisan, pro-democracy advocates will line both sides of Phoenix Rd. east of Broadway to say NO to KINGS in the United States and yes to our nation's representative democracy with its built-in checks and balances. Everyone from throughout the area is invited to attend. Cash and on-perishable food item donations will be collected for the UCC Food Pantry.

The rally, 2-2:30, in the First Congregational Church parking lot will feature music and three speakers unclud-ing:

Dr. Robert Naseef, a noted psychologist and father of an Autistic adult son, who will address the impact of Medicaid cuts on families with special needs family members. "My autistic son Tariq grew up and became an autistic adult.," says Dr. Naseef. "He needs round-the-clock care because he is nonspeaking and does not understand danger. His care is 100% covered by Medicaid. In 2020, nearly 1.6 million autistic people were enrolled in Medicaid, two thirds of whom are children, and they and their families depend upon that care."

Pastor David Frey, pastor of the First Congregational Church, UCC, in South Haven who will speak about the faith community's important role in defending religious freedom, democracy, and human dignity. "Real faith benefits everyone. Good faith keeps us humble; it reminds us that we don't have all the answers and must necessarily walk and work with others in a quest for truth and goodness," says Pastor Dave. "Faith insists that a just and equi-table society grows from trusting each other and the God of our devotion for our health and wholeness. By trusting and cherishing the grace that holds us up, giving us curiosity to meet strangers and courage to engage opponents who may or may not be enemies, we become trustworthy ourselves. Faith assures us that every step we take toward an open, honest, and charitable society is not taken in vain. In faith, I stand with you, for you, for us all; and by faith I demonstrate that you are not alone."

Please use the side streets off of Phoenix Road to park due to the rally which will be held in the church parking lot. For more information or to become involved with South Haven Indivisible, visit southhavenindivis-ible.org or find them on Facebook

PUBLIC NOTICE

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with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: October 9, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1573962

(10-09)(10-30)

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Danielle M Mitchell; Atty: Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. - Schneiderman & Sherman, PC; 1st Pub: 10/9/2025; Atty File #: 25-002860-1; Insurer: (unknown)
SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - VAN BUREN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on November 13, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Danielle M. Mitchell, a single woman and Adrian Mitchell, a single man Original Mortgagee: Superior National Bank Date of mortgage: November 10, 2022 Recorded on November 23, 2022, Liber 1746, on Page 237, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Five and 15/100 Dollars ($157,905.15) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Van Buren County, and described as: Lot 67 and the East 7.9 feet off the East side of Lot 66 of Village of Bloomingdale, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 25 of Plats, Page 10, Van Buren County Records. Commonly known as 305 E Kalamazoo St, Bloomingdale, MI 49026
The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
1574216

(10-09)(10-30)

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Danny J Clendenin; Atty: PUBLIC NOTICE AGENCY - PUBLIC NOTICE AGENCY; 1st Pub: 10/9/2025; Atty File #: 24-031214; Insurer: (unknown)
Notice of Foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagors: Danny J & Angelene Clendenin, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture Date of mortgage: March 13, 2012 Recorded on March 15, 2012, Book 1563, on Page 519. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Four and 46/100 Dollars ($142,304.46) Mortgaged premises: Located in the Township of Antwerp, Van Buren County and described as: LOT 32, WOODHENGE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 6 OF PLATS, ON PAGE 27, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR VAN BUREN COUNTY. Commonly known as 22327 Woodhenge Dr, Mattawan MI 49071 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961 pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. ALAW 5404 Cypress Center Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33609 (813) 221-4743
24-031214

(10-09)(10-30)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that **The Shed Self Storage**, phone **(269) 200-2156,** located at **72819 M 40, Lawton, MI, 49065** will hold a Public Sale, to satisfy the lien of the owner. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Michigan Compiled Statutes 570.521 to 570.527. Units will be sold via online auction, at **www.Storageauctions.com.** Auction will close on or after **Wednesday October 22, 2025 at 10:00 am.** The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to household goods, furniture, tools, equipment, toys, boxes, clothes and misc items. Owner reserves the right to bid and the right to refuse bids. Cleanup deposit is required. Sale is subject to cancellation. The contents of the rental storage units belonging to the following persons will be sold: **Timothy Davis, Gordon Becker**

POLICE OFFICER/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
DECATUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Qualifications/Requirements:
- MCOLES certified or certifiable is preferred.
- Consideration will be given for candidate(s) to be sponsored in a local Police Academy.
- Must possess a valid Michigan's Driver License, be a US citizen and at least 21 years of age.
- Must successfully pass the hiring process including a complete background investigation.
- Candidates will be subject to a pre-employment drug screen, physical and psychological examination, where applicable.
- Must possess a High School Diploma/GED.
- Associates /Bachelor's Degree preferred.
- Enforcing state laws and local ordinances.
- Serving as a resource to students, staff, and parents within the school district.
- Promoting safety through education, mentorship, and positive relationship building.
- Responding to emergencies and assisting with investigation

Wage and Benefits:
- Starting wage of $29.11/hr ($60,548.80/year)
- Officers are provided with all uniform and duty gear
- Extensive continued training
- Paid Holidays
- Vacation, sick, and personal time
- Healthcare packages
- 457 Defined Contribution Retirement Fund

How to Apply/Contact:
For an application, please go to our website: www.decaturmi.org, select Documents/Forms/ Applications, Job Opportunities, and Police Officer Application. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, application, and proof of MCOLES certification (if applicable) to:
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Almena Township will sponsor a ONE DAY Fall clean-up for the **Township on Saturday, October 18, 2025.**

Hours are 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Historic Township Hall Parking Lot, located on CR 375, directly behind the Township Hall.

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Auto dealer car show a hit

Tapper Automotive held the Paw Paw Grad Bash 2026 Car Show, Saturday, Oct. 4, at Paw Paw High School. In addition to the car show, the event featured a pancake breakfast, lunch, Barnyard Bingo, prizes and music. All proceeds from the event will support Grad Bash, an after-graduation celebration for the Class of 2026 in a safe, fun environment.

Courier-Leader photos/Paul Garrod

Lawton holds Golf Cart parade

The third annual Lawton Golf Cart parade was held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5. Selected as this year's parade winner was a Snoopy golf cart. A total of 13 decorated golf carts and other means of transportation took to the streets of Lawton as temperatures soared to the mid-80s.

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Oshtemo shooting leaves one dead, one severely injured

A man has been arrested in connection to a weekend shooting that left a woman dead and a man seriously injured in Oshtemo Township.

The incident happened Saturday at Mount Royal Townhomes near West KL Avenue and US-131, according to the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS).

At about 3:30 a.m., officers found a woman unresponsive and a man who had been "severely assaulted." The woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

The injured man told investigators he had witnessed the murder of his girlfriend. He was then taken to a hospital for treatment.

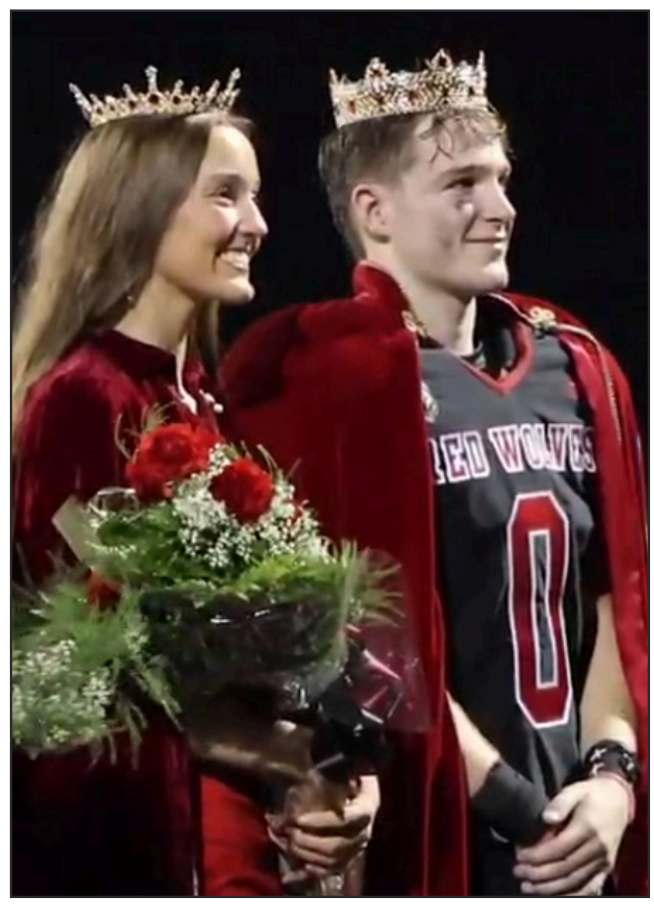
According to Kalamazoo County Sheriff Richard Fuller, investigators identified a suspect overnight and made an arrest, though his identity remains withheld until after his arraignment.

In addition, the shooting appears to be an isolated incident. There is no further threat to the community.

"At this time, we think we have all the suspects," Fuller said. "In fact we're highly confident in that, as well as I think everybody has been identified that we've been able to talk to or that we felt we needed to talk. That doesn't mean that later on somebody might not come up with more information, which is always welcome if that's the case, but right now I believe we have all the parties involved as well as all the potential witnesses."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office at 269-383-8745 or Silent Observer.

Paw Paw football homecoming court named



The Paw Paw Red Wolves football Homecoming was held Friday, Oct. 3. Breslyn Zache was selected as queen, while Elias Sonnenberg was named king.

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